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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Barreled apple prices on the whole were about the same or a little lower than last week on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, December 2, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Virginia Staymans and Black Twigs sold at higher prices, Yorks at about the same and New York Ben Davis at lower prices than last week. Offerings were in good condition except Yorks and Ben Davis. Virginia Yorks were in fair condition, Virginia Ben Davis in variable condition and New York Ben Davis in poor condition. The liberal barreled supplies met with a better inquiry at the prices quoted but demand was dull on low grades. Albemarle Pippins from Virginia, supplies of which were very light, made the best prices on the auction. A large volume of the barreled stock at the auction was withdrawn for next week's sales. Supplies afloat for Liverpool are moderate. Boxed apples made slightly lower prices than last week. Supplies were light. The general condition of the boxed stock was good and the fruit was of good color and bright appearance. Inquiry for boxes was moderate.

Basketed New York Kieffers and boxed Washington and California Winter Nelis pears made somewhat lower prices than last week. Inquiry remains active for pears and prices are not very much below those ruling at this time last year.

Barreled supplies were liberal at London. Virginia Ben Davis and Yorks made about the same prices as last week but Staymans and Winesaps were lower. Inquiry was moderate. London as well as Liverpool has been overstocked with the lower grades of apples. The trade is only interested in good, well-colored stock. Barrels have been arriving mostly tight. The light supplies of boxed apples met with a moderate demand. Prices were slightly lower. The condition of the fruit was good. Prices in general for both barreled and boxed apples and pears continue to rule somewhat higher at London than Liverpool. Barreled Winesaps, however, sold at lower prices in London than Liverpool.

Pear prices at London were slightly lower than last week. Inquiry was active. The light supplies consisted mostly of boxed stock the condition of which was good.

Only good quality, well-colored fruit of the higher grades is in demand in the United Kingdom markets at the present time. Markets are over-stocked with low quality and poorly colored fruit which accounts in a large measure for the extremely low prices that have been returned for several weeks. There are some indications that the low grade stock is at last cleaning up but until it does no marked improvement is expected by the trade. The British markets are well supplied with oranges. Spanish and Jaffa orange shipments are arriving in increasing quantities.

Conversions from sterling to dollars were made at \$3.40 to the pound this week against \$3.59 last week and \$4.86 at this time last year. The lower exchange rate this week accounts in part for the decline in some of the quotations as compared with last week.

Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool				London	
	1930		1931		1931	
	December 3		November 25		December 2	
APPLES	Dollars		Dollars		Dollars	
BARRELS						
Dollars						
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York Imperials, Va.						
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch min.....	5.84-6.33a/		2.69-3.05		2.80-3.06	
U.S. No. 1, 2 1/4 inch min.....	6.81-7.30		2.87-3.23		2.89-3.23	
U.S. No. 1, 2 1/2 inch min.....	6.93-7.30		2.96-3.32		3.06-3.40	
U.S. No. 1, 2 3/4 inch min.....	6.57-6.81		2.78-3.32		2.89-3.14	
U.S. Commercial, 2 inch min.....	6.08-6.33		2.51		2.55-2.72	
U.S. Commercial, 2 1/4 inch min.....	6.57-7.06		2.69-2.78		2.55-2.89	
Utility, 2 1/4 inch min.....	-		2.60-2.78		2.38-2.72	
Utility, 2 1/2 inch min.....	-		2.51-2.69		2.63-2.97	
Unclassified, 2 1/4 inch min.....	5.60-6.08		2.33		2.21-2.55	
Winesaps, Va.						
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch min.....	6.69		3.77-4.13		3.48-3.74	
U.S. No. 1, 2 1/4 inch min.....	6.81-7.30a/		3.95-4.31		3.74-3.91	
Utility, 2 1/4 inch min.....	-		3.77		2.97-3.14	
Unclassified 2 1/4 inch min.....	5.11-5.60a/		-		2.80-3.14	
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## Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London, cont'd

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool		London	
	1930		1931	
	December 3	November 25	December 2	December 2
	BARRELS	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
<b>APPLES</b>				
Black Twigs, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.		3.05		2.89-3.23
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch min.		3.05-3.14	3.19-3.40	-
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.		-	2.89-3.06	2.89-2.97
Ben Davis, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	6.08-6.33a/	3.05-3.10	2.89-3.06	2.80-3.14
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch min.	-	3.14	3.06	-
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	5.96 b/	-	2.38-2.72	2.55-2.89
Staymans, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch min.	4.87	-	3.06-3.40	2.97-3.14
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	6.33	2.78-3.05	3.23-3.40	3.06-3.40
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch min.	-	-	3.40	-
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.	5.35-5.60a/	-	-	2.29-2.63
Albemarle Pippins, Va.				
Comb. No. 1 and Utility 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. min.	-	-	4.59	-
Rome Beauty, N. Y.				
Comb. No. 1 and Utility 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. min.	5.23-5.60c/	3.23 c/	3.06	-
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch	6.33-6.81c/	3.28 c/	3.27	-
Ben Davis, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	-	2.87-3.01d/	2.55-2.72	-
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch min.	-	-	2.89	-
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	-	-	2.38-2.55	-
Baldwins, N. Y.				
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.	-	2.16-2.51	-	2.04-2.38
<b>BOXES</b>				
Jonathans, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 150/175	-	-	-	2.04-2.21
Fancy 150/175	2.25-2.43	-	2.00	-
Winesaps, Wash.				
Fancy 150/175	-	-	1.95-2.08	-
Fancy 188/smaller	-	-	1.87-2.00	-
Spitzenburgs, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 150/175	2.55 e/	-	2.38	-
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	-	1.98-2.11a/	2.12-2.29	-
Yellow Newtowns, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 138/163	-	-	2.29	-
Extra Fancy 150/175	3.16-3.65	-	2.34-2.46	2.46-2.63
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	2.68-2.92a/	-	2.21	2.04-2.38
Fancy 150/175	2.92-3.16	2.33-2.51	2.21-2.38	2.25-2.38
Fancy 188/smaller	2.68 a/	2.07-2.25	1.83-2.08	2.21
Yellow Newtowns, Calif.				
Fancy 150/175	2.31	1.98	-	1.87-1.95
Fancy 188/smaller	2.07-2.25a/	1.80-1.98	-	1.95-2.04
<b>PARS</b>				
<b>BARRELS</b>				
Gieffer, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch min.	6.81-8.15f/	-	5.95-6.46	-
<b>BASKETS</b>				
Gieffer, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch min.	2.68 f/	2.51	1.95-2.04	-
<b>BOXES</b>				
Winter Nelis, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 100/120	3.04-3.28g/	2.69-2.96	2.38-2.46	-
Extra Fancy 135/150	3.04-3.28g/	3.05-3.23	2.55-2.72	2.80-2.97
Extra Fancy 165/180	3.04-3.28g/	3.05-3.23	2.55-2.72	2.97-3.14
Winter Nelis, Calif.				
Fancy 100/120	3.53 g/	2.96-3.14	2.38	3.23-3.48h/
Fancy 135/150	3.53 g/	3.23-3.41	2.59-2.76	3.23-3.48h/
Fancy 165/180	3.53 g/	3.23-3.32	2.63-2.80	3.23-3.48h/
Fancy 193/smaller	3.53 g/	3.14	2.46	3.23-3.48h/
Comice, Calif.				
Fancy (all counts)	3.89-4.38a/	4.49 a/	-	4.25
Fancy (2 boxes, all counts)	-	2.51-2.69a/	-	2.38-2.46

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

/ London. b/ Commercial. c/ Combination No. 1 and Commercial. d/ 2 inch.

/ Fancy. f/ Grade and size not given. g/ London, grade and size not given.

/ Size not given.